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For: **Optical System for Maskless Lithography**
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Sir:

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2. Request for Continued Examination;
3. Information Disclosure Statement;
4. Form PTO-1449 (2 pages) listing the cited documents;
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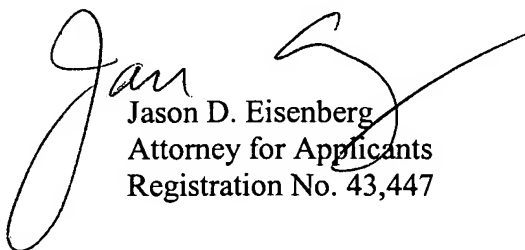
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